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Title: Royal Guard Report

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What we know so far  
Reported by Kaden  
Marsden to Shelby, Royal  
Thaumaturgist.

1. There appeared a Black Knight, dressed in armour made, it seems of Blackrock. The secrets of the forging of Blackrock into metal armor is one that has long been forgotten by smiths and one which some adventurous souls have tried to recover since Blackrock has reappeared in the world. As yet, they have been unsuccessful. The smith responsible for this creation should be found - he/she must be a mastercrafter and would be of great value to us in ascertaining what advantages the armor gives to this Knight.

2. There were eight monsters and also eight black figures, one each tied to the anti-virtues. They spoke of a master, whom they serve, and also seemed to experience pain as the monsters were killed, as if their very souls were torn by the killing. Perhaps by knowing more of the Virtues and also the Anti-Virtues, we may learn the secret of stopping these foes.

3. They all said this was only a beginning, that worse was yet to come. As if they were stretching their wings and preparing for a long campaign. They may have been ascertaining our strength, trying things out to see what we could defeat. The exact nature of this campaign is unknown at this time. However, they attacked from all eight anti-virtue dungeons at the same time as an initial maneuver. Whatever they have planned will not be a small endeavour.

4. There is a black crystal ball at the entrance to each antivirtue dungeon. Between them and the crystals found on the monsters, as well as the large crystal in the Doom scene, there must be some links.

5. Some sort of ritual was performed in Doom. It seems that the lack of Virtue associated with Doom may have been necessary for the connection of this world to whatever one he drew these creatures from.

Letters have been dispatched to the Guard Commanders of each of the Virtue Towns with descriptions of the victims. We should know shortly if there was any connection with any people

reported missing recently.

In the meantime, the  
Royal Guard are asked to  
remain vigilant and any  
scholars among you to  
seek any information that  
might help in this cause.